

FORM **MEPS-10M**  
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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1998 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey

**HEALTH INSURANCE COST STUDY  
(INSURANCE COMPONENT)  
MU FOLLOWUP QUESTIONNAIRE**

Please correct errors in name, address, and ZIP Code.  
ENTER number and street if not shown.



<IS THIS REPORTING UNIT LINKED TO A PREVIOUSLY-COMPLETED MULTIUNIT INTERVIEW?>  
<IF **YES**, MARK (X) "SAME" BOX AND TRANSCRIBE THE MEPS CONTROL NUMBER OF THE ORIGINAL CASE> ———>  Same

MEPS Control No. – **GO TO A1a**

<IF **NO**, LIST THE NAME, TITLE, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE PERSON WITH WHOM YOU ARE CONDUCTING THIS INTERVIEW.> ↗

212	Name		
213	Title		
215	Telephone number (Include area code and number)	220	Extension
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**Section A – NUMBER OF PLANS**

The *(first/next)* establishment I am going to speak with you about is located at –  
*(Fill in establishment address from above)*

For this study, a business is considered to offer health insurance if it made available or contributed to any health insurance plans which included hospital and/or physician coverage.

**A1a.** In 1998, did your organization make available or contribute to the cost of any health insurance plans for its active employees, at the location I just mentioned?

- 001 1  Yes
- 2  No – **SKIP TO END ON PAGE 4**

Please answer the following questions only for health insurance plans which cover hospital stays and/or physician visits.

**A1b.** How many different health insurance choices did your organization make available or contribute to for its active employees during the 1998 plan year?

003  Plans

**Section B – EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS**

**B1a.** How many employees were on your organization's payroll, at the location I mentioned earlier, for a typical pay period in 1998?

200

\_\_\_\_\_ All employees

**B1b.** How many of these employees were **enrolled** in a health insurance plan your organization offered?

202

\_\_\_\_\_ Enrolled employees

**B2.** How many hours per week must an employee work to be considered full-time at the location I mentioned earlier?

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\_\_\_\_\_ Full-time hours

**B3a.** For a typical pay period in 1998, did your organization have any part-time employees at this same location?

540 1  Yes

2  No – **SKIP TO B4**

**B3b.** Did you offer health insurance to your part-time employees?

541 1  Yes

2  No

**B4.** What percentage of the employees at the location I mentioned earlier were union members?

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\_\_\_\_\_ % Union members

**Section C – GENERAL HEALTH COVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS**

<IF THIS IS A LINKED ESTABLISHMENT, SKIP TO END ON PAGE 4.>

**C1.** In 1998, did your organization provide health insurance to any employees who retired from your organization?

- 551 1  Yes – **Go to C2a**  
2  No  
3  Don't know } **SKIP TO C6a on Page 4**

**C2a.** Were retirees under 65 years of age eligible to receive health insurance in 1998?

- 209 1  Yes  
2  No

**C2b.** Were retirees 65 years of age and over eligible to receive health insurance in 1998?

- 210 1  Yes  
2  No

**C3a.** What was the total number of retirees covered by health insurance through your organization at ALL of its locations in 1998?

513  Retirees covered by insurance

**C3b.** What percentage of these retirees were enrolled in single coverage?

554  % Retirees enrolled in single coverage

**C4a.** For a typical plan in 1998, what was the total monthly premium for one TYPICAL retiree with SINGLE coverage?

514 \$ .00 Single coverage premium

**C4b.** For this same plan, how much did the EMPLOYER contribute toward the plan premium for this typical retiree with single coverage?

515 \$ .00 Employer contribution

**C5a.** For a typical plan in 1998, what was the total monthly premium for one TYPICAL retiree with FAMILY coverage?

*Read if necessary: For retirees, if premiums vary, report for a family of two.*

555 \$ .00 Family coverage premium

**C5b.** For this same plan, how much did the EMPLOYER contribute toward the plan premium for this typical retiree with family coverage?

556 \$ .00 Employer contribution

**Section C – GENERAL HEALTH COVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS – Continued**

**C6a.** For 1998, did your organization impose a waiting period before new employees could be covered by health insurance?

- <sup>197</sup> 1  Yes  
2  No – **SKIP TO C7**

**C6b.** What was the typical waiting period: less than two weeks, two weeks to less than one month, until the first day of the next month, one to three months, or more than three months?

<MARK (X) ONLY ONE>

- <sup>198</sup> 1  Less than two weeks  
2  Two weeks to less than one month  
5  Until first day of the next month  
3  One to three months  
4  More than three months

**C7.** In 1998, did your organization offer optional coverage, at a premium which was separate from the comprehensive plan premium, to its active employees for any of the following single services:

<READ TO RESPONDENT – MARK (X) ALL THAT APPLY>

- <sup>192</sup>  Dental?  
<sup>193</sup>  Vision?  
<sup>194</sup>  Prescription drugs?  
<sup>195</sup>  Long-term care?

**END**

<DO NOT READ ALOUD>

- IF THIS ESTABLISHMENT OFFERED INSURANCE, GO TO THE FIRST MEPS-10M(S) QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THIS ESTABLISHMENT.
- IF THIS ESTABLISHMENT DID NOT OFFER INSURANCE GO TO THE MEPS-10M QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE NEXT ESTABLISHMENT IN THIS MULTIUNIT GROUP.
- IF THERE ARE NO MORE ESTABLISHMENTS – END THE INTERVIEW BY READING THE THANK YOU STATEMENT

**THANK YOU**

This concludes the Health Insurance Cost Study. Thank you very much for your time and cooperation.

<sup>500</sup> Remarks